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To: Richard Parkin

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Subject: Re: Fw: FYI: "New mining project moves to Bristol Bay"
Anchorage Press

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"To protect your rivers, protect your mountains."

Richard Parkin

Hi Micheal and Phil, If you read this message tr...

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Hi Micheal and Phil, If you read this message train you'll see interest in a statement made by Liberty Star in the second linked document. I pasted it below and colored it blue. Is this exaggeration by Liberty or do you know of some permitting activity for a port. According to John Shively, Pebble is relooking at the location of their port which may result in 121 mile road as opposed to 86 miles. **DELIBERATIVE PROCESS**

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Well-located

Liberty Star's ground is located near year-round ice-free tidewater on the Pacific Ocean at Cook Inlet. Known mineralization in this area occurs near surface in an area of gentle topography and low elevations. The Pebble Project, a joint venture between Northern Dynasty Minerals and mining industry giant AngloGold seeks to construct and operate an open pit and underground mine in an area considered one of the richest for porphyry gold, copper and molybdenum in the world. Further development of a port on the Cook Inlet, nearby roads, and suitable energy sources are already in process with the approval of the State of Alaska and the Federal Government.

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Rick:

What do you know about the already in process development on Cook Inlet?

Jeff

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Did you notice this sentence?

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More info for the cumulative impacts section.

- Rachel

http://www.anchoragepress.com/news/bristol-bay-a-win-for-mining-and-a-win-for/article_4855ca24-e802-11e1-aedf-001a4bcf887a.html

New mining project moves to Bristol Bay

In a win for mining in Bristol Bay, Liberty Star, the company that owns a mining prospect adjacent to Pebble Mine called Big Chunk Super Project, has announced it is moving into the neighborhood.

The company declared its intentions to explore the arc-shaped Big Chunk prospect as far back as March 2008. Like Pebble, the Big Chunk Super Project would be for a gold-copper-molybdenum mine or mines. In a press release, Liberty Star said it is in the process of erecting a camp at the site to use as base of operations for exploratory drilling. In the release, the company states it is partnering with an Alaska company, MBGS of Anchorage, for construction of the camp, and for services supporting drilling and operations.

Mary Lochner Anchorage Press

LIBERTY STAR -

<http://www.libertystaruranium.com/projects/big-chunk-super-project/>

Current Activity

As noted above, Liberty Star has set up camp in the south block and intends to drill ten exploration holes between mid-August to September 1, 2012.

Liberty Star seeks well capitalized joint venture partners to further explore and develop the Big Chunk Super Project. More than one globally important mining company has signed letters of confidentiality to review all Big Chunk data.